

Hearts Turning Home — Touching the Hearts of our Community...



TOGETHER

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If you are like me, the phrase “the obliquity of the ecliptic” probably doesn’t ring a bell. While the words may appear to be rather complicated and obscure, they refer to something that makes life on Earth as we know it possible. The “obliquity of the ecliptic” is the technical terminology for the tilt of the Earth on its rotational axis in relation to its orbital plane around the sun; the 23.44 degree tilt of our planet that is responsible for the changing of the seasons each year. One of those seasons officially began on Friday, March 20. This was Vernal Equinox, the first day of Spring, one of only two days each year when the hours of daylight are equivalent to the hours of darkness. We in the northern hemisphere have been experiencing increasingly longer days since December 21. This will continue until June 21, after which the days will gradually decrease in length again until late December. Why? It’s all because of tilt!!

These seasonal changes occur with predictable precision every year. Is this perfect orientation of our planet the result of some mindless, directionless, random, chaotic explosion of matter? Could such order spontaneously result from disorder? We know better! This kind of order can only be explained by creational design: design by an infinitely intelligent and an awesomely powerful God. Our Creator purposefully brought into existence the heavens and the earth and fashioned them from a formless and empty state into an ideal habitat for His creation. On the fourth day, God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years” (Genesis 1:14). Those signs, seasons, days, and years have continued like clockwork ever since. It is a testimony to God’s faithfulness and the fulfillment of His promise given after the great Flood. “While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease” (Genesis 8:22).

This week as you enjoy the warm temperatures, witness the budding and blossoming of the trees, and catch the sweet fragrance of flowering plants, pause for a moment and give thanks, praise, glory, and honor to the One who “spoke and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast” (Psalm 33:9).

Tim Pyles

10:00 AM WORSHIP

Song Leader – Jim Hoffmeister

Faithful Love

Holy, Holy, Holy - 47

Shepherd’s Prayer – Richard Davis

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee - 202

How Deep the Father’s Love

Lord’s Supper

Contribution

Beautiful Lamb of God

NO BIBLE HOUR

Scripture Reading - Psalm 32:1-7

“Forgiven!”

Speaker - Tim Pyles

I Am Resolved - 948

How Great is Our God!

Prayer

5:00 PM WORSHIP

Song Leader – Archer Honea

“Light and Life” - John 9:1-12

Speaker - Tim Pyles

2009 Women’s Retreat

Unwrapping Your Spiritual Gifts

Friday, April 24th - Saturday,

April 25th

TODAY

IS THE LAST DAY TO SIGN UP



Shepherds' Corner

"through the Church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known..."
Growing, Strengthening, and Involving the church

Present Action

- Thanks to Dr. Matt Crain for last Sunday's lessons
- This Sunday's preaching will be by Tim Pyles-AM & PM
- Shepherds are available in the conference room during Bible class Sundays & Wednesdays to pray for any need. Come and have the shepherds pray with you
- Deacon candidate names are listed on the last page of this bulletin. Please submit scriptural objections in writing to the shepherds by TODAY
- LTC practice is in the final stages, talk to Beth Astor regarding your plans to attend
- Pray for Richard Mosby & Reece Parker as they travel to Ukraine to prepare for the summer mission trip

Future View

- Shepherd contact for March—Glen Lyle
- Shepherd meeting for March—23rd
- Minister/Shepherd Planning Retreat—March 27th & 28th
- Deacon appointment—March 29th
- Leadership Training Seminar—May 2nd

In Mike's Basket

There's an interesting story from the life of the famous editor, William Allen White. Mr. White had just given a rather large and lucrative piece of land to the city of Emporia, Kansas. In so doing, he told his fellow townsmen that there are three "kicks" in every dollar: *"The first kick is when you make it, and I dearly love to make a dollar. The second is when you have it... and I greatly enjoy having it! But the third is when you give it away, and I'm getting a big kick today in giving you the dollars represented by this piece of land."*

In ***Ecclesiastes 2:26*** Solomon writes: ***"To the man who pleases him, God GIVES wisdom, knowledge, and happiness..."*** Jesus said: ***"If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father GIVE good gifts to those who ask Him!"*** Paul wrote: ***"He who did not spare His own son, but gave Him up for us all – how will He not also, along with Him, graciously GIVE us all things?"*** God is a giver! God must really enjoy the three "kicks" of giving! He made everything... He owns all things... He graciously gives us what we need! Do we know how to give back? Do we get a "kick" out of our giving?

I believe that God will give us the wisdom, knowledge, and happiness He promised! I believe that God will bless us when we give back to Him! I believe God when He tells me: ***"It's more blessed to give than to receive."*** Here's a great quote: *"Maybe we were better off when giving was a virtue instead of a deduction."* Do we have a right heart in giving? Do we give graciously or grudgingly? I've learned one thing – giving begins with our heart, not with our pocketbook! Have a great week!

Mike

CURRENT EVENTS

MARCH

- 22 HS Devo**
Take-A-City # 4 Meeting
Prepare Homeless Packets
- 24 Ladies Bible Class Work Day
- 27-28 Shepherd/Minister Planning Retreat
- 29 Deacon Appointment

FUTURE

- Apr 3 GoldenAgers to Skiatook
- Apr 5 MUD
MS Devo**
- Apr 7 Ladies Bible Class Lunch
GoldenAgers Social
- Apr 10 & 11 LTC**
- Apr 12 GoldenAgers Luncheon
LTC Nite
- Apr 24-25 Ladies Retreat
- Apr 25 Comedy Concert with
Daren Streblov
- May 2 Leadership Training
Seminar
- May 31 - June 6 Camp**
- June 19-July 6 Ukraine Mission
- July 4-12 Medical Mission
- July 26-30 VBS**

FUTURE: MS &/or HS ONLY

- Apr 18 HS Big Nite Out**
- May 17 Graduate Honor Nite**
- June 9-15 Senior Trip**
- June 28-July 1 Work Camp**
- Aug 3 & 4 HS Six Flags Trip**

** Youth Events

Youth Information

Phone Numbers

about upcoming events.

Middle School - 317-7159

High School - 317-7160

You can receive voice mail messages with updates, changes & future happenings.

CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR

For 3 year olds thru 1st grade

March 29, 2009

Lesson 23 – *The Parable of the Ten Virgins*

Teach I Honea
Monitor J Saffell

April 5, 2009

Lesson 24 – *The Parable of the Talents*

Teach J Saffell
Monitor K Larson

April 12, 2009

Lesson 25 – *The Parable of the Prodigal Son*

Teach K Larson
Monitor L Slaton

April 19, 2009

Lesson 26 – *Jesus and Bartimeus*

Teach L Slaton
Monitor A Keele

OUR DAILY SERVICE TO GOD

"Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart" (2 Corinthians 4:1). The origin of our ministry is in God. "By the mercy of God" is the key phrase in this text (4:1-6) that explains why we do not lose heart. As ministers of the new covenant we must have a consciousness of God that reaches down into every facet of our life, at every level and at all times. We shall never be assured of the success of our ministry until we are aware of the source of our ministry. The best insurance against discouragement (losing heart) is God-consciousness.

The above paragraph was written by James S. Woodroof in his book "The Aroma of Christ." He suggests that as ministers (or in my words... as we use our talents to work for God), the chances that we will lose heart or become discouraged are directly related to how much we remember that God's mercy is the source of our working for God. A daily remembering is what brother Woodroof suggests.

Galatians 6:9 (GWT) reads, "We can't allow ourselves to get tired of living the right way. Certainly, each of us will receive [everlasting life] at the proper time, if we don't give up."

2 Thessalonians 3:13 (GWT) reads, "Brothers and sisters, we can't allow ourselves to get tired of doing what is right."

So how much of a motivation is God's mercy for you? When you delve deeply into the mercy shown you by God are you able to dwell on the forgiving nature of the Almighty and how He chose to offer forgiveness even before we asked for it? Are you able to meditate upon our undeserving nature and the fact that we have sinned and deserve death, but God in his mercy has made a way for us... and asks us to serve Him faithfully... being motivated by his selfless gift of mercy?

Church, let us have a deep understanding of our unworthiness and our need for His mercy... then the bumps and bruises of ministry that could cause us to lose heart will only be a side note in our journey of service to God, our daily service to God.

In Search of the Lord's Way: TV 47/Cable 7 Sunday, 7:30AM,
March 29: *"The Gift of Repentance"*

New Members: Aaron Anderson, 12213 E 30th St, Tulsa, 74129 ph. 625-7365
Josh Burt, 6726 E 91st St, Apt. 7, Tulsa, 74133 ph. 574-536-2896
Julia Greene, 5096 S Urbana Ave, Apt. 160, Tulsa, 74135 ph. 292-9516

Prayer Request: Mike Dorman & Elissa Dorman

Congregational News

Take-a-City #4 will meet in the Parlor tonight following evening worship. Please bring "pot luck."

Prepare Homeless Packets: Get together at the Layman's tonight after worship to put packets together. Bring finger foods and donations for packets. 1104 W Delmar St. Everyone welcome.

Ladies Work Day: Please join us on Tuesday, March 24, to make hats, scarves and lap quilts for a Ukraine orphanage. We will show you how to crochet, knit or use the Knifty Knitter. Yarn will be provided. Please bring one of the following: Knifty Knitter Loom, crochet needle (size G or H), or knitting needle (size 8 or 10). Pizza will be provided for lunch.

GoldenAgers Trip to Skiatook Opry Show: Friday, April 3. Bus will leave the building at 5 pm. We will have dinner at Bishops and then proceed to Skiatook. Cost is \$5 per person for the show. Sign up at the information center by Wednesday, April 1, if you plan to attend. Questions? See Ron or Gail Baxter.



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SERVICES

Sunday -- Worship -- 10:00 a.m. -- Bible Class 9:00 a.m. -- Evening 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday -- Ladies Bible Class -- 10:00 a.m. (Sep-May)

Wednesday -- Bible Classes and Devotional -- 7:15 p.m.

•Mike Baskett (357-2144)•Scott Keele (286-6403)•Tim Pyles (214-493-9769)•

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Deacon "nominees"

Bernard Anderson

Travis Blevins

Tom Henderson

Jim Hoffmeister

Jon Huff

Kevin Lawrence

Ron Lee

Gerry Lynn

Lonnie Miller

Bobby Morrow

David Parrott

Jared Pence

Nick Price

Tom Scism

Paul West

Walt Willson

Corey Wilson

Welcome, Guests!

You honor us with your presence and your willingness to join us in worshipping God.

If you are a member of the Church of Christ and are looking for a place to worship and serve, please consider placing yourself under the oversight of our shepherds and becoming part of our family in serving the Lord.

If you are not a member of a church and would like to learn more about the Church of Christ, we would be honored to answer any questions you may have. If you would be interested in a home Bible study or a Bible correspondence course, please contact Scott Keele at 918-258-9602 or e-mail skeele@bacoc.org.

Wednesday Night Dinner

Chicken Spaghetti

Serving from 5:30 to 6:45 pm

Cost: Adults \$3.00

Children 6-11 \$2.00

Please mark the attendance card just below your names, indicating the number of adults and children that plan to attend.

Hope Harbor Needs:

*Scrubbing Bubbles
Tub Cleaner*



March 29, 2009 - TO SERVE
SONG LEADER
David Maynard

SHEPHERD'S PRAYER
Charles Emerson

LORD'S SUPPER A.M.

1. Ron Baxter
2. Harold Billings
3. Shane Blackstock
4. Sherman Boley
5. John Bonwell
6. Duane Bresee
7. Leslie Brewer
8. Dwayne Canton
9. John Cash
10. Jim Coghill
11. Thomas Coleman
12. Steve Copeland
13. Terry Craghead
14. Darrel Davidson
15. Bill Davis

PRAYERS FOR LORD'S SUPPER

For Bread - Glen Lyle
For Cup - Evan Maynard

PRAYER FOR OFFERING

Richard Mosby

CLOSING PRAYER

Reece Parker

March 29, 2009 - TO SERVE
SCRIPTURE READING
Mark Lee

MORNING NURSERY HELPERS

100S 111S
Shelly Thomas Andrea Suffridge
Janice Sosa Carolyn Vest

DOORGREETERS

1. Carl & Peggy Alexander
2. Bernard & Carol Anderson
3. Carol Arledge & Gail Baxter
4. Clyde Barnes & Darrel Davidson
5. Mitchell & Charlene Bean
6. Harold & Dorothy Billings

USHERS

2. Bryan Davis
3. Patrick Edison
4. Cliff Fitzgerald
5. Rocky Giles

INFORMATION CENTER

AM Hosts - Joel & Kathleen Pence
PM Hosts - Mike & Cindy Nequette

WELCOME VOLUNTEERS

AM Hosts - Jim & Darla Coghill
Mary Jane Carriger &
Sue Doss

PM Hosts - Harold & Dorothy Billings
Junior & Joyce Ackley

March 29, 2009 - TO SERVE
SUNDAY P.M. SONG LEADER
Lee Turner

EVENING PRAYERS

Tim Plowman
Mike Rampey

EVENING NURSERY HELPERS

100S 111S
Sandra Watts Peggy Alexander
Cynthia Walvoord Tammy Allen

LORD'S SUPPER P.M.

Cliff Fitzgerald
James Garrett

If you will not be available to serve in the area listed, please contact:

LORD'S TABLE

(South) Larry Brewer..... 357-1433
(North) Dwayne Canton .. 281-9171

PRAYERS

Jerry Lundy..... 357-5728

DOOR GREETERS

Gary Southern 355-3131

USHERS

PRAYER LIST

Hospital/Tests:

Heather Nequette has returned home.

Corey Baird (grandson of the Qualls) came through his 18 hour surgery well. Preliminary tests look good. He will be at Presbyterian Hospital in Oklahoma City for approximately a week.

Lorraine Larson (mother of Dave Larson) had additional surgery on Monday.

Ann Rodgers (mother of Donna Jones) has been moved to rehab at St. Francis, room 4219.

Darrell Vest Jr. was taken to SouthCrest (ICU) on Thursday suffering from chest pain. Tests are being run.

Members: Heather Blevins, Annette Burt, Samantha Dixon, Rocky Giles, *Jason Koeninger*, Dave Larson, *Sharon Love*, Jess Mitchell, Bill Rhodes, Erma Wiginton

Friends & Family: Ron Allen (brother of June Scott), Sharon Bryan (daughter of Jim & Frances Bryan), John Burdine (father of Jennifer Bradley), *Kara Grubbs (Joella Gotcher's daughter)*, Riley Grubbs (grandson of Jo Ella Gotcher), Bob Hale (Jack & Virgil's brother) Amy Hallmark (daughter of Jo Ella Gotcher), Thelma Lawson (Mildred Cooper's niece), Bryant Mitchell (son of Jess & Ruby), Dub Mowery & his wife, Charlotte (minister at Prichett, TX Church of Christ), Ken Rhodes (son of Bill Rhodes), *Margaret Teakell (former member & member at Whispering Hills)*, Carl Watts (brother-in-law of Sandra Watts)
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WEDNESDAY - April 1, 2009

INFORMATION CENTER

Bob & Carol Arledge

WELCOME VOLUNTEERS

Dave & Terri Larson
Junior Nipps & Jim Lee

STATISTICAL REPORT

Week of
March 15, 2009

Bible Class.....	356
AM Worship.....	583
PM Worship.....	252
Wednesday.....	278
Contribution.....	\$17,617
Budget.....	\$21,016
Contribution YTD.....	\$220,334
Budget YTD.....	\$231,176
Over/(Under).....	(\$10,842)

Prayer Chain - Between 8am and 5pm, contact Nancy Johnson (357-3963) or Lois McNeal (251-4561). After 5pm call Mary Sampson (486-5945) or Cynthia Walvoord (355-5144).

PRAYER LIST (continued)

Military: Shawn Boggs, Travis Cardinal, Brian Chandler, Steven Copeland, Justin Garrison, Josh Holcomb, David Honea, Colby Jacobson, Brant Jacobson, Zac Leka, Rob Lee, Eric Lewis, Tray & Hope Mamula, Bryan McCall, Matt & Shannon (Scott) McDonald, Matt McGuire, Brett Moore, Joel Newton, Wyatt Paschal, John Stephens, Chris Wadsworth, Travis Williams, Angela Williamson


Congregational News (continued)

LTC Details: Beth Astor needs a final head count for all adults (coaches, chaperone, parents) planning to go to Rogers for competition. Hotel reservations have to be made. The cost will be \$20.00 each for adult hotel stays.

Donations for the Homeless Packets: Located in the South wing across from the nursery is a box & list of items needed.

Housing Need: Charles Hart, a member of Westside Church of Christ, in Russellville, AR is currently working in Jenks on a 3-4 month project. He is looking for a room to rent. If you can help out, see the bulletin board in the north hall.

Cash Envelopes for contributions are located on the tables in the back of the auditorium or ask at the Information Center.

 **Hats & Scarves for Ukrainian Orphans:** Please stop by the table in the foyer and pick-up some yarn. Our goal this year is to provide 100 hat & scarf sets. There are currently 52 sets. There are only 85 days left to knit.

Meals on Wednesday Night will not be served during the summer. Get together with friends and "brown bag" before Bible study. Team members are encouraged to think about volunteering your talents by helping with the Summer Meal program for Rhoades children.

UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND THE AREA

Celebrate Recovery: 1 Year of Changed Lives! Sponsored by Park Plaza Church of Christ, Friday, March 27. Guest speakers: Mac & Mary Owen of White's Ferry Road Church of Christ. See the bulletin board in the north hall for more information.

Living with Diabetes: Saturday, April 4, from 8:30 am - 12:00 pm. Held at Tulsa Southern Hills Marriott. See the bulletin board in the north hall for more information.

Glenpool Church of Christ Gospel Meeting - The Importance of God in Our Family & Our Lives: Sunday, April 12 - Wednesday, April 15. Dalton Key, pulpit minister for 10th & Rockford will speak. See the bulletin board in the north hall for more information.

Spring Lectureship - Excited About God: Sunday, April 19 - Wednesday, April 22, at Carthage Church of Christ. Speakers will be faculty and alumni of the Bible Institute of Missouri. See the bulletin board in the north hall for more information.

Shut-ins: Mary Barton, Nina Birge, Helen Broadhurst, Pauline Brown, Ruby Bryan, Ruth Davis, Clifford & Robbie Gilliland, Pete Huntsman, Belton & Dorothy Kuykendall, John D. Lee, Laura Moore, Lonita Nutt, Bill Powers, Jack & Doris Steele, Dorothy Stutz, Pat Tobey

Long-term Illness: Carla Bare, Leslie Brewer, Jim Bryan, Pam Bonwell, Pat Boulter, Candy Butler, Sacia Coleman, Gage Dixon, Ray Duwe, Michael Elliott, Camille Fitzgerald, L.H. Gassaway, Emily Graves, Dee Hall, Lisa Hancock, Vanelle Helm, Roxanna Honea, Herman Johnson, Marjorie Jones, Gavin Kuykendall, Lloyd Lamirand, John A. Lee, Betty Martin, Belinda Mitchell, Wayne Pratt, Don Spink, Sonny Steele, Walt Willson, Paris York

Sympathy

- ♦ to **Harley & Carolyn Keele** and family on the passing of **Paul Lemon**. Paul passed away on Thursday, March 12. His service was held on Monday.
- ♦ to **Gary & Pam Battenfield** on the death of Gary's father, W.E. Battenfield, on Saturday, March 14. His service was held on Wednesday.
- ♦ to **Tim & Brenda Layman & family** on the death of Tim's grandmother, Marge Griffin.



Congratulations

Jerry & Mary Sampson

50 Years of Marriage

March 26, 2009

